Because of poor fiscal conditions, State Government expenditure as a percentage of the total budget, has been reducing.

Tribal Status to People Working in tea Gardens of Assam

*490. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Constitution to give tribal status to the workers of tea gardens in Assam as these people, who migrated from different States of the country, are regarded as tribal in their respective States; and

(b) if so, by when Government would bring the necessary legislation in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the proposal to specify tea and ex-tea garden workers as Scheduled Tribes in the State of Assam has been processed as per modalities approved for deciding such claims.

Revision of charges for grant of ownership rights for shops in Delhi

*491. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any request from the allottees of the Central Government markets in the Capital for revision of charges for the grant of ownership rights of their shops;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The shopkeepers of 12 markets in respect of which a decision has been taken by the Government to confer ownership rights in August, 2000 by charging 100% premium of the cost of land, have represented that they may be charged 50 — 80% of land premium as in the case of shopkeepers who were conferred ownership rights by Government in 1989.

(c) The Government, after due consideration, have not accepted the request of the above shopkeepers.